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<p>2. In the course of the interview, Subject stated that he was a former SS noncommissioned officer and that he had just returned from Damascus where he had served for approximately one year as a first Lieutenant in the Syrian military intelligence service along with <u>Walter RAUFF</u>, former SS Colonel, who served in Damascus in an advisory capacity. Subject stated that he and <u>RAUFF</u> did not renew their contracts with the Syrian government because the Syrian governmental and military services were saturated with Communist.</p> <p>3. <u>RAUFF</u> departed from Beirut on 20 September and arrived in Italy approximately a week later where he remained.</p> <p>6. <u>RAUFF</u>, as advisor for the Syrian Intelligence Service, likewise was unable to accomplish much in the way of improvement of that service. He was hampered in his work principally by inefficiency and lack of vision on the part of responsible Syrian officers. Cooperation and coordination between the Syrian Army and the Syrian police force on intelligence matters was completely lacking; in fact the two services were bitter rivals in this field.</p> <p>8. Subject stated that in a recent letter received from <u>RAUFF</u> in Italy, the latter declared his intention of emigrating to South America with his family in the event that it was not possible for him to work for the Americans. (His family is with him in Italy at present). Subject, however, advanced the opinion that <u>RAUFF</u> would return to the middle East, probably Egypt, regardless of whether the Americans employ him or not, as he has good contacts with the "President" of the Arab League as well as with the Egyptian King.</p> <p>9. Subject was extremely desirous of obtaining employment with the American intelligence service for himself and <u>RAUFF</u>, and stated that they could operate most effectively in Cairo, Egypt as <u>RAUFF</u> speaks Arabic in addition to several European languages while Subject himself speaks most of the Slavic languages.</p> <p>THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p>			
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